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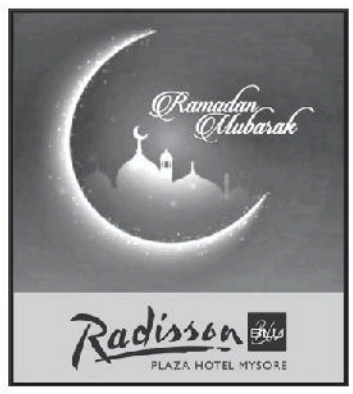

21 more COVID Mitras soon

Officials inspect facilities; demarcate areas for Green Zone and Red Zone

Mysuru, May 13 (MTY, SSV&BCT)- Following good response to 'COVID Mitra' Centres launched at several medical facilities in Mysuru recently, the District Administration is all set to open 21 more 'COVID Mitras' at various Primary Health Centres (PHCs) within city limits, said Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri.

The 'COVID Mitras' have been functioning beyond expectation at Government Ayurveda Panchakarma Hi- Tech Hospital, Beedi Workers Hospital, Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital and PHCs in rural areas. This has prompted District Administration to open it at more places.

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials told *Star of Mysore* this morning that Mysuru city has 28 PHCs and of them 21 will be transformed into 'COVID Mitras' — they are at Gandhinagar, Eranagere, Old Agrahara, Krishnamurthypuram, Chamundipuram, Rajendranagar, N.H. Palya, Vishweshwaranagar, Saraswathipuram, HHMBG Hospital, Nazarbad, Indiranagar, G.B. Palya, Bannimantap, Subramanyanagar, Kumbarakoppal, N.R. Mohalla, Kyathamaranahalli, Shanthinagar, Kuvempunagar and T.K. Layout PHCs. A team of MCC officials including Commissioner Shilpa Nag and Health officers inspected the PHCs this morning. Each PHC will be divided into 'Green Zone' and 'Red Zone' and entrances for both will be separate.

'Green Zone' is where vaccinations are done and where non-COVID patients go for consultations and treatment.

(See COVID MITRA on page 7)

Tired of parroting...

Doctors find novel way to convey vaccine availability and eligibility

Srirangapatna, May 13 (VK)- Taluk Health Officer Dr. N.K. Venkatesh is wearing a small placard stating "Covaxin is unavailable. Covishield is available for 18-44 and also for 45 years and above, only second dose."

There has been a mad rush of people at the Hospital to take the jab and they ask a lot of questions. Unable to reply to every citizen, the medical team comprising doctors and nurses chose to wear this small informative placard around their neck.

Dr. Venkatesh said people keep asking the same question again and again and it became irritating. "Finally we made this card and when people ask us questions, we simply point at the card so they can read and get their answers," he said.

Taluk General Hospital Medical Officer Dr. Maruti said they were forced to wear this card as they were fed up of giving parrot-like reply to the public.

12-15 week gap for Covishield vaccine, No change for Covaxin: Govt. Panel

New Delhi, May 13- The gap between two doses of the Covishield COVID-19 vaccine can be increased to 12-16 weeks, a Government panel recommended today, according to a report.

No changes were suggested for Covaxin which remains at four to six weeks.

The National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization also said pregnant women can choose their vaccine and lactating women will be eligible after delivery. Currently neither is eligible to get the shots.

Six medicos in soup for violating lockdown

Asked to work at Madikeri District Hospital for one week as punishment

Kushalnagar, May 13 (Akshay &BCT)- Six students of Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) have landed in trouble for violating COVID-induced lockdown by roaming around on a pleasure trip and entering a village near Kaloor, a landslide-prone area. As a punishment, they have been put to duty for one week at Madikeri District Hospital.

The students, a couple of days back had entered Devastur village near Kaloor in their bikes and none of them were wearing masks. They entered the village early in the morning for a picnic and were revving up their bike engines, making loud sound. However, they were questioned by the villagers who are wary of outside visitors for the fear of virus being spread. Asked who they were and the students replied that they were KIMS students and had come for a short trip.

The villagers tried to put some sense into them and asked them being medical students don't they have any responsibility towards the District that is reeling under the pandemic. The students argued with the villagers and even insulted them, it is learnt. The villagers video-recorded the incident and even took photos and circulated in social media questioning their behaviour during a time of crisis.

Villagers later complained to Madikeri Tahsildar Mahesh and produced the video evidence. The villagers told him that the students stopped their misdemeanour only when the videos were shot. Some of them also wore masks after villagers reprimanded them.

Later, Tahsildar Mahesh summoned the students and warned them not to indulge in such activities in future. The Tahsildar then informed KIMS Dean and Director Kallichanda B. Cariappa and as a punishment, the students have been put to work for one week at Madikeri District Hospital. Police also summoned the students to Madikeri Town Police Station and warned.

Dean Dr. Cariappa told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the students had ventured into the village before attending their regular classes. "Yes, warning has been issued and they are doing their penal duty at District Hospital," he said.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 13th May 2021

CET-2021 postponed

Bengaluru, May 13- Days after the postponement of second PU exams due to the spread of the deadly COVID-19 contagion, the Government on Wednesday postponed the Common Entrance Test (CET-2021) for admission to Engineering, Pharmaceutical, Architecture, Agriculture and other professional courses (barring Medical and Dental courses) in Karnataka. CET will now be held from Aug.28 to 30.

It was earlier scheduled to take place from July 7 to 9.

As per the revised CET-2021 time-table, Biology exam will be conducted in the morning session (10.30 am) and Mathematics in the afternoon session (2.30 pm) on Aug.28. Physics exam will be held in the morning session and Chemistry in the afternoon session on Aug.29.

The Kannada exam for non-Kannadiga students will take place in the morning of Aug.30.

For more details, visit the website *http://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea*

Merchants Co-operative Bank business hours changed

Mysuru, May 13- The transaction hours at The Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank in the city has been changed with immediate effect due to COIVD Curfew. As per the changed timings, **the customers can do cash transactions between 8 am and 1 pm on all working days.** The 8 am to 1 pm business hours is applicable at the Bank's Central Office in Santhepet and also in Branch Offices at Bandipalya and Hebbal.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

GOD'S WILL WILL FIND A WAY: ***How many times have we not been awestruck by certain events that take place in our lives? The episodes could be positive or negative. They may have not been planned or executed, but a certain compulsive invisible force seems to guide the course of actions. At such times, man tends to think of such happenings as acts of God or destiny. The Mahabharata reiterates the power of God's will.***

Once the Pandavas completed the stipulated period of exile followed by a year in incognito, they did not have too many expectations about their future. Yudhishtira the aspirant crown prince was quite against war-mongering. Therefore he decided to stay away from his jealous cousin Duryodhana. He requested Lord Krishna to intervene on behalf of the Pandavas to forge peace. Krishna went as their emissary and sought five villages for the five Pandavas. No amount of advice, coaxing and argument was enough to convince Duryodhana who was reluctant to part with land measuring the size of the tip of the needle. Krishna had no choice except to declare war.

On the day that was earmarked for the Great War, the Pandavas and Kauravas assembled in the war field with their armies. Just before the commencement of the brutal event Arjuna, the greatest warrior of all times was overwhelmed by the thought of fighting his kin. He disarmed himself and was ready to pledge for peace. Lord Krishna, Arjuna's charioteer, friend, philosopher and guide had to explain the significance of carrying out one's Swadharma.

It took quite a bit of convincing to make Arjuna war-ready. Though the Pandavas hesitated to battle their cousins from time to time, they could not circumvent the catastrophe. The Lord had decided to cleanse the earth from corruption and bureaucracy. He had sketched out the imminent war which would not only involve the warring cousins but also include fraudulent allies who were making life miserable for the common man. His resolve for war could not be dissuaded at any point because God's Will will always find a way!

— S . Radha Prathi in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Human baby-sized frog leaves villagers stunned

Solomon Islands: Residents of Solomon Islands were left stunned after coming across a giant frog, described as being as big as a human baby. A photo taken by resident Jimmy Hugo shows a young boy holding the frog up for the camera and it has created a huge buzz on social media, sparking new interest in a species that is facing a decline in population.

Hugo, the owner of a timber milling operation, said that mill workers came across the frog while hunting for wild pig in April. He then shared a photo of the giant frog - a Cornufer guppyi - on Facebook, which has received a lot of comments.

Stop carrying cow dung in baggage: US Customs

New York: The US Customs and Border Protection agency made a surprising announcement on Monday, stating that its agents have found cow dung packaged in luggage — and, it warns, you should stop doing this because of the health risk it presents. The cow dung may have been transported under the mistaken belief that it offers protection against COVID-19.

The US CBP warns that cow dung is one of the items prohibited for transportation from India to the US. Despite some beliefs that cow dung may offer health benefits — including, increasingly, beliefs that it may protect against COVID-19 — the reality is that these products pose a risk of transmitting Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

US CBP said that its agents discovered two cow dung patties in a suitcase that was left behind after in an Air India flight. The suitcase arrived at the Washington Dulles International Airport; as you'd expect, the CBP says that its agriculture specialists destroyed the cow products.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Healthy Habits

Adopting and clinging to healthy habits is important for maintaining long-term orthopedic wellness. Sit in good posture by keeping your feet on the floor so that the weight is distributed evenly. Straighten your spine and pull the shoulders back. Carry lighter weight on your shoulder so that you do not stress the shoulder and the back. For sleep, make use of supportive pillows. Sleep in a position that goes with a human being's natural curving of the spine.

By Dr. Ravikiran - Consultant Orthopedics and Joint Replacement Surgeon

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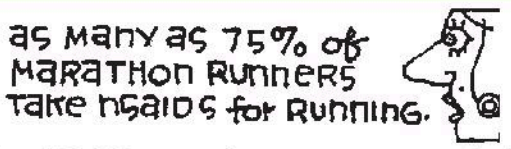

A study of 3,193 marathon runners revealed 5 times the incidence of adverse events among those who took NSAIDs before the race. 9 were hospitalised: 3 for temporary kidney failure, 4 with internal bleeding and 2 with cardiac infarctions. This study revealed the risk of taking NSAIDs for treating endurance pain.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAY 11	MAY 12
Day's Positive Cases	2,170	1,773
Total Positive Cases	1,02,454	1,04,227
Day's Discharges	1,435	882
Total Discharges	85,960	86,842
Day's Deaths	12	9
Total Deaths	1,346	1,355
Total Active Cases	15,148	16,030

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Online lecture tomorrow

Mysuru, May 13- The Deccan Heritage Foundation along with the Centre of Islamic Studies at the University of Cambridge and HH Sri Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar Foundation, Mysuru, will be presenting ***'From Malabar to Coromandel, Deccan Heritage, Art and Culture,'*** the pioneering scholarship in various cultural fields from both Northern and Southern Deccan regions of India, through online seminars and lectures. On May 14, a lecture on *'Deccan Portraits in Jahangir's Albums'* will be held at 5.30 pm by Navina Najat Haidar of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

On May 28, a conversation on the topic 'Discovering the Deccan' with George Michell by William Dalrymple will be held at 5.30 pm.

For registration, log on to *www.deccanheritagefoundation.uk.*

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

George knocked on the door of his friend's house. When his friend's mother answered he asked, *"Can Albert come out to play?"*

"No," said the mother, "it's too cold."

"Well, then," said George, *"Can his football come out to play?"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.60
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.42
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.04
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.95

VOICE OF THE READER

Vaccination

Start Door-to-Door or Drive-in Service !

Sir,

In this column recently, a reader had furnished some details of ugly public behaviour at COVID Vaccination Centres.

Best thing for the District Health authorities would be to conduct this service on 'Door-to-Door' basis. If the vaccine is coming to one's doorstep, why would anyone take the risk of stepping out of their homes?

The Health Department can hire some 40-50 Matador-type vans, in which the health workers (perhaps 4 per van) can visit each Mohalla and conduct the vaccination-drive without any confusion.

Another option would be to hold a 'Vaccine Drive-in' service at the sprawling Maharaja's College Grounds where families can come and wait in their cars for their turn to take the vaccination and drive away without an hassles.

Hope the District Administration will think on these lines to ease the rush at Vaccination Booths.

— D.V. Mohanprakash
Gokula Raste, 2nd Block
11.5.2021

Ola cabs to deliver Oxygen Concentrators free of cost within 30 minutes

Bengaluru, May 13 (SSV)- An initiative 'O2ForIndia' to provide Oxygen Concentrators free of cost through Ola app for home isolated COVID patients, partnering Ola Foundation and GiveIndia Foundation, was launched here yesterday.

Speaking after launching this initiative, Deputy Chief Minister and State COVID Ministerial Task Force Head, Dr. C.N. Ashwathmarayan said to start with, this initiative was being implemented in Malleshwaram and Koramangala and would be expanded throughout the city and also to all the places where Ola is operating. This will be given only for those whose oxygen saturation is below 94. This is not required for those whose oxygen level Is above 94, he pointed out. The service is rolled out in Bengaluru with an initial set of 500 oxygen concentrators. Ola and GiveIndia will scale it up across the country with up to 10,000 concentrators in the coming weeks, he said.

How to avail this facility

Those who require oxygen (oxygen saturation below 94) need to log into the Ola app and request for an oxygen concentrator by providing a few basic details. Once submitted, the request will be validated and Ola will then pick up the concentrator via one of its cabs with a specially trained driver and bring it to the doorstep of those who placed request within 30 minutes.

The home isolated beneficiary shall have to pay a refundable amount of Rs. 5,000 per concentrator. Once the patient feels better and no longer requires the concentrator, Ola will pick the device back up and return it to GiveIndia to get it ready for the next patient who needs it. This entire service process will be seamless and the oxygen concentrator as well as the doorstep delivery and pickup will be completely free of cost.

Raghavendra Beluru, Chairperson, Karnataka State Handicraft Development Corporation, was instrumental in coordinating Ola and GiveIndia in this noble initiative.

Muslim brethren to celebrate Ramzan tomorrow

Mysuru, May 13 (KS)- The Mysore District Hilal (Moon) Committee, which had convened a Moon Committee meeting yesterday evening has decided to celebrate Ramzan tomorrow. The meeting was presided by Sir Khazi of Mysuru Hazrath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff.

The Committee tried to contact various places in the district and State to know about the sighting on the Moon and as the Moon was not sighted anywhere, the Committee decided to celebrate Ramzan tomorrow.

Hazrath Moulana Mufti Tajuddin, Hazrath Moulana Abdus Salam Razvi, Hazrath Moulana Shah Waliulla, Hazrath Moulana Zakaulla, Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig, former Corporator Suhail Baig, Jameel Ahmed Ashrafi and others were present in the meeting.

Dy. Mayor appeals Muslim brethren to pray at home

Anwar Baig

Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig, greeting Muslim brethren on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr, has appealed all of them to pray at home as mosques would remain closed and limit the celebration within the family as COVID lockdown is in force.

Asking Muslim brethren to follow the guidelines issued by the Government, he said that the second wave of COVID was very dangerous and urged them to pray for peace and well-being of every one. He also urged them to co-operate with the District Administration, Police, Medical staff and others who are fighting to keep the pandemic at bay.

Minister performs *bhoomi puja* for oxygen plant in Mandya

Mandya, May 13 (SSV)- District in-Charge Minister K.C. Narayanagowda performed *bhoomi puja* for setting up oxygen generating plant in the premises of Mandya Medical College here yesterday.

If everything goes well, the plant will be ready within 45 days. The oxygen plant became a reality due to concerted efforts of the Minister who got it sanctioned from Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa.

He said till today oxygen was being procured from other districts to Mandya to ensure its availability to the needy people. Instead of depending upon other districts, it was decided to have the own plant in the district. The CM has sanctioned two oxygen generating plants for Mandya, he said.

The oxygen plant in Mandya Medical College will have the capacity to produce 1,000 litres of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) and it will start functioning within 45 days. With this, it will be possible to provide oxygen to 100 beds. Another oxygen plant will come up in Malavalli Town with an installed capacity of 490 litres of LMO. Efforts will be made to have such oxygen producing units in all Taluks with a view to becoming self-sufficient in oxygen, he added.

There has been acute shortage of oxygenated beds due to spike in Corona positive cases. The State Government was making all efforts to manage the situation. Now, oxygen was being given to the needy patients inside the specially designed bus in Bengaluru and the same will be introduced in Mandya too, the Minister said.

MLA M. Srinivas, MLC K.T. Srikantegowda, Mandya Medical College Director Dr. Harish and others were present.

Mandya companies evince interest to set up oxygen plants: DC

Mandya, May 13 (SSV)- Deputy Commissioner S. Aswathi has said that several factories and companies have extended co-operation to the District Administration to set up oxygen units in all Taluks in the wake of demand from Corona positive patients. Participating in a video-conference here yesterday, she said the State Government has approved setting up of two oxygen generating units in Mandya Medical College and in Malavalli.

Meanwhile, Hombale Group has come forward to set up two units of 500 LPM each in K.R. Pet and Srirangapatna Taluks. Talks are on with Murugesh Nirani Sugar Company and Pandavapura Sugar Factory to set up one unit of 400 or 500 LPM in Pandavapura Taluk. While Mandya Milk Producers Union has agreed to set up one unit in Maddur Hospital, two factories have shown interest for one plant in Nagamangala taluk, she said.

Mandya DC S. Aswathi

DHO Dr. Manchegowda, Joint Director of Department of Industries Nagaraju and other officers were present.

NEWS BRIEFS

Positivity rate in 26 K'taka districts

Twenty-six districts of Karnataka have reported a positivity rate of COVID-19 way above the national average, the Union Health Ministry said on Tuesday. Uttara Kannada tops the list with 45.7% test positivity rate followed by Ballari 44.3%, Hassan 42.1% and Mysuru 41.3% The national positivity rate is 21%. Bengaluru Urban, which reports the maximum number of cases in Karnataka, has a positivity rate of 34.7 %. They are among the 310 districts in the country where infections are spreading faster as all of them have a positivity rate higher than the national average.

In-charge of crematoriums, ambulances

Zoo Authority of Karnataka Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy has been given the responsibility of managing ambulances and transporting COVID-19 patients to the hospitals, while Chairman of Jungle Lodges and Resorts Chairman M. Appanna had been made in-charge of all crematoriums coming under Mysuru City Corporation. The duo will monitor their given responsibilities along with the District Administration, according to an order signed by District In-charge Minister S.T. Somashekar.

First cyclone of 2021 over Arabian Sea

A low pressure area is likely to form over the south-west Arabian Sea in the next couple of days and subsequently turn into a cyclonic storm. The cyclone would be called 'Tauktae.' The cyclone is expected to hit the western coast of India on May 14-15, leading to possible heavy rainfall in the region of Kerala, Karnataka, Goa and Tamil Nadu.

WATER LEVEL

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2258.47	feet
Inflow	:	588	cusecs
Outflow	:	725	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,820.21	feet
Inflow	:	193	cusecs
Outflow	:	80	cusecs

Teams must visit Pvt. Hospitals to check bed availability

Minister Somashekar reviews COVID-19 situation

Mysuru, May 13 (SSV)- Co-operation and District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar has directed Officers to personally visit all 34 Private Hospitals which are supposed to give 50 percent of beds to the Government and give an accurate report on the actual availability of beds.

Reviewing COVID-19 situation at a meeting held at Zilla Panchayat auditorium here on Tuesday, he said the team, consisting of a Revenue Officer, Police and a Doctor must visit all 34 Private Hospitals and check whether those hospitals have complied with the Government order on reserving 50 percent of beds for COVID positive patients.

"I am thankful to those hospitals which are offering good treatment for patients. At the same time, notices must be served on those Hospitals that have failed to co-operate in this crisis situation," he noted.

The Minister said Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has thanked Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji for agreeing to provide 300 oxygenated beds to the Government.

Rush of Corona positive patients can be controlled if the number of oxygenated beds in Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital, Beedi Workers Hospital and Super Speciality Hospital was increased, he observed.

He said it had come to his notice that the attendants of patients admitted to COVID Ward in K.R. Hospital were coming in large numbers. This may spike positive cases. The authorities concerned must avoid crowding of people near the COVID Ward, he cautioned. The War Room was getting more calls from neighbouring districts causing extra burden. More lines must be opened to take such calls, he noted.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr B.S. Manjunathaswamy, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, MMC&RI Dean and Director, Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, District Surgeon Dr. Rajeshwari, DHO Dr. T. Amarnath, District Surveillance Officer Dr. Shivaprakash and others were present.

MCC owes Rs. 4.20 crore for city Indira Canteens

Mysuru, May 13 (RKB&DM)- The functioning of Indira Canteens in city has come under threat as they are running out of funds in the absence of Government grants.

The Indira Canteens, set up by the Siddharamaiah-led Congress Government over three years ago as a food subsidisation programme of the State, are now facing a serious financial crisis in city as the Government has not released funds from Feb. 2020 till Apr. 2021.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, canteen contractor Basavalingappa claimed that the MCC owes Rs. 4.20 crore to Indira Canteens in city. Pointing out that Indira Canteens are run with 70 percent grant from the MCC and the rest 30 percent from the District Administration, he said that the MCC owes Rs. 4.2 crore as of now and the civic body has stopped releasing funds. But now, the District Administration is said to have released Rs. 50 lakh, which is yet to reach them, Basavalingappa added.

Continuing, he said that barring the ones at K.R. Hospital premises and at Alanahalli Circle, all nine other Indira Canteens in city have been disconnected with power for the past three months for non-payment of bills.

Maintaining that each Canteen owes Rs.10,000 to Rs.50,000 monthly power dues to CESC, he said that due to power disconnection, the canteens are forced to light candles during nights.

Asserting that Indira Canteen operators are running the canteens by taking huge amount of loans, Basavalingappa said that the Government must understand their plight and come to their rescue by releasing funds as the Government has the responsibility of serving food to the poor under its food subsidisation programme. Noting that canteen employees are not paid salaries for months for want of funds, he said that clearance of dues by the Government will help them to pay the balance wages.

Free food to the poor at Indira canteens till May 24

Meanwhile, the State Government on Tuesday announced distribution of free food through Indira Canteens thrice a day across the State till May 24 in the wake of COVID induced lockdown.

The announcement will benefit the poor, street vendors and workers during the lockdown period. Currently, Indira Canteen charges Rs. 5 for breakfast and Rs.10 each for lunch and dinner.

Following the announcement, Indira Canteens in Mysuru started serving free food from Tuesday itself.

Vijayalakshmi, In-charge of Indira Canteens in Mysuru, said that subsequent to the Government's announcement, all 11 Indira Canteens in city started serving food since Monday, where more than 3,000 people were served food.

Pointing out that upon learning to know about free food distribution, hundreds of people started queueing up before Indira Canteens hours before lunch and dinner, she said that free food will help street vendors, workers and the poor till May 24, the last date of lockdown.

The canteen contractors have continued their service by providing food to the poor even amidst economic crisis, she added.

Chamarajanagar tragedy due to oxygen shortage: HC Panel

- Toll could be more than 24, says Committee in its report to Karnataka High Court
- Slackness, callousness and mismanagement of oxygen supplies led to loss of precious lives

Bengaluru, May 13 (BCT)- The three-member Committee of Karnataka State Legal Services Authority appointed by the Karnataka High Court (HC) to probe the Chamarajanagar District Hospital tragedy stated in its report that all the 24 deaths on the intervening night of May 2 and 3 occurred due to lack of oxygen. "Between 11 pm on May 2 and early hours on May 3, there was absolutely no oxygen at the Hospital attached to Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences (CIMS)," the report stated.

The Committee, headed by Justice A.N. Venugopala Gowda and Justice K.N. Keshavanarayana, retired Judges and S.T. Ramesh, retired DG-P&IGP, submitted its report to the High Court after analysing official records that were seized — from the Offices of Deputy Commissioners of Chamarajanagar and Mysuru — by the Chief Secretary on the direction of the Court.

Recommends compensation

A Special Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar directed the Government to submit its response on the report of the panel, which has recommended payment of compensation to legal heirs of the 24 victims. The report also said that a detailed probe is essential to unearth omissions and commissions of individuals.

As soon as the High Court appointed the Committee, the State Government cancelled the probe initiated by it under the leadership of KSRTC Managing Director Shivayogi Kalasad.

Fault in 'Death Audit'

"Had the Hospital administration been vigilant, it could have had enough stock of oxygen by timely refilling cylinders from its suppliers," the report stated. The Committee analysed the 'Death Audit', held by a Committee consisting of District Surgeon and four others where the Committee has concluded that only three persons died on account of lack of oxygen, while seven died on account of Hypoxic Brain Injury and 14 due to COVID-19.

"However, the fact remains that all those persons were in-patients in the Hospital and they were in need of oxygen during the crucial time when there was no oxygen stock available in the Hospital. The entry in the case sheets 'FiO2' indicates that there was deprivation of oxygen to them also during that period which resulted in damage to the brain cells of a large number of them and for other damage to their vital organs which might have led to their deaths subsequently," the report said.

No mention of oxygen shortage

The Dean of Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences (CIMS) and the in-charge District Surgeon, a Microbiologist, did not exhibit leadership quality and failed to efficiently marshal available resources to save lives, the report said. It pointed out that there was not even a whisper about shortage of oxygen stock at the Hospital by any of the Mysuru-based agencies, with whom CIMS had contracts, in the meeting held by the DC, Chamarajanagar on May 2.

Toll higher than 24

The report observed that the toll due to lack of oxygen could be higher than 24. It noted that 62 died in the Hospital between May 4 and 6.15 am on May 10 and at least 36 were in-patients on May 2. "The death of these 36 in-patients could be attributed to non-availability of oxygen supply during the night of May 2 and early hours of May 3," the report said.

"The Hospital was dependent on six kilolitre liquid medical oxygen (LMO) tank, commissioned only on Apr. 29, 2021, though it was installed several months ago. Prior to commissioning of the tank, the Hospital was using 250 jumbo cylinders along with 100 jumbo cylinders secured from Taluk Hospitals. Refilling process of jumbo cylinders was neglected after commissioning of the tank. The mismanagement in that regard is quite evident. Slackness appears to have set in probably on account of LMO tank being installed," the report said.

Mismanagement of life-saving oxygen

The report also pointed out that oxygen in the LMO tank should have catered for a period of at least 40 hours. But it is reported to have been exhausted in less than 30 hours, which shows mismanagement of the life-saving gas, even during critical time.

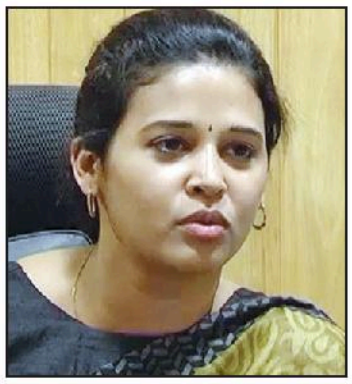
"Had the Hospital administration been vigilant, it could have had enough of oxygen by timely refilling of cylinders. With the bottling plant at a distance of about 70 km, not having sufficient filled oxygen cylinders at Chamarajanagar is an act of callousness and led to loss of dozens of precious lives," the report said.

The report found that as the Mysuru District Hospital dispatched 40 jumbo cylinders at midnight on May 2, the truck should have reached Chamarajanagar by 2 am if it had not stopped anywhere. However, the truck waited for hours at a refilling agency to load another 30 cylinders and reached Chamarajanagar Hospital only at 6 am on May 3.

It may be recalled here that during a hearing of Chamarajanagar tragedy, the same Special Division Bench had noted that buffer oxygen stock could have averted the tragedy.

Mysuru DC did not deny oxygen, says 3-member HC Committee

Bengaluru, May 13 (BCT)- The three-member Committee appointed by the Karnataka High Court to probe the Chamarajanagar District Hospital tragedy where 24 persons died on the intervening night of May 2 and 3, has given a clean chit to Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri and has castigated Chamarajanagar DC Dr. M.R. Ravi and said that the latter did not exhibit dynamism.



Rohini Sindhuri

Dr. M.R. Ravi

"The DC Chamarajanagar has not exhibited the dynamism and leadership qualities expected of a District Head in a dire crisis situation. As Chairman of the District Disaster Management Committee, he has miserably failed to guide and supervise the crisis situation arising out of the extreme demand for oxygen. On the contrary, he has indulged in an unsavoury blame game accusing the Mysuru DC of causing hindrance for oxygen supply without any basis," it said.

The Committee noted that though refilling plants on which the Chamarajanagar District Hospital was dependent for oxygen requirements are situated in the revenue district of Mysuru, which comes under the jurisdiction of Mysuru DC, on that basis alone it cannot be said that the DC at Mysuru had any control or regulatory powers over supply of oxygen to other districts or consumers.

The report stated that there was no reference to any alleged hindrance caused by Mysuru DC. "No material is forthcoming from the records in support of the allegation. Accordingly, it is evident that the Mysuru DC has not come in the way of refilling agencies in Mysuru from refilling the cylinders of any other districts including Chamarajanagar," the report said.

Committee Recommendations

The High Court has directed the State Government to consider the following suggestions made by the Committee of Karnataka State Legal Services Authority:

- Provide compensation to the family of the victims who died due to negligence of the District Administration
- Providing minimum buffer stock of oxygen and vehicles carrying Liquid Medical Oxygen should mandatorily have GPS.
- One bottling plant in Mysuru city is non-functional. State will take immediate steps to revive the plant's functioning.

Vaccine supply chain needs a booster shot

People voluntarily queue up before vaccination centres but there is no stock

Mysuru, May 13 (MTY&BCT)- During a hearing in the High Court on May 11, Karnataka High Court observed that "the situation regarding availability of vaccines in Karnataka is very disturbing."

Even as the State Government is struggling to ensure vaccination due to delay in delivery from the Centre and the Serum Institute of India, at a review meeting held last evening, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan highlighted the need for all States to reserve at least 70 percent of vaccines supplied by the Union Government for the second dose category and keep the remaining 30 percent of supply for the first dose.

In Karnataka, about 73 lakh people aged above 45 years are waiting for the second dose, besides 7 lakh healthcare workers and 5 lakh frontline warriors. Of these, about 60 lakh are already due to get it considering the time gap between two doses.

State Chief Secretary P. Ravi Kumar yesterday said that Karnataka was reeling under acute vaccine shortage and will soon run out of vaccine. Speaking to newsmen in Bengaluru, he said the State had ordered for vaccines in the second week of April which was received in May. The same has been used to vaccinate above 45 years old. Even the State is trying to import the vaccine from other countries, he added.

Cascading effect on Mysuru

The vaccine shortage has had a cascading effect on Mysuru where availing of the second dose has been a challenge for many including frontline workers. As vaccination is considered a sure-cure for the disease, people are voluntarily coming to vaccination booths though the trend was not like this when the vaccination was first launched.

Officials in Mysuru told *Star of Mysore* that earlier, they had to plead with people to get vaccinated and people hesitated. Now they are rushing to vaccination centres but there is acute shortage of both Covaxin and Covishield, they said.

Officials admit anonymously that though elected representatives, Ministers and even the CM has been reiterating every other day that there is no shortage of vaccines, the ground reality is different. Sadly, many residents in the age group of 45 to 60 years who have taken the first dose are keeping their fingers crossed and are hoping to receive the second dose before the deadline ends.

Long queues at jab booths

Every day they are queuing up in front of vaccination booths, Primary Health Centres (PHCs) to get their shot. More than 100 to 150 people stand in front of vaccination booths and many return without success. This has been a common scene in Mysuru since the last two to three days.

In Mysuru, there are 170 vaccination centres including District Hospital (Old Epidemic Diseases Hospital), Charaka Hospital and all PHCs. Most of the centres sport 'No Stock' board and are giving limited vials for people who come first. As such, queues can be seen as early as 7 am while the vaccination process begins at 10.

Delay not a concern

Director of Rashtriya Aarogya Abhiyan (National Health Mission) Arundhati has asked States to prioritise second dose for people above 45 years. Regarding the delay in taking the second jab, health experts have said that this should not be a cause of concern. "The antibodies created by the first dose get boosted when you get the second dose. It's a must to take the second dose to ensure maximum protection against the severity of disease and death," they said.

Stage-by stage process

Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer and Nodal Officer for COVID-19 Vaccination in Mysuru told *SOM* that vaccinations are being done in stages.

"For the second dose, we have 9,890 vials of Covishield and 2,520 vials of Covaxin. For the age group of 18-44 years, we have 5,670 Covishield vials. There are two centres in Mysuru city and eight centres in the district to vaccinate the 18-44 age groups. Those who have registered online are being allowed at the centres and per day, 100 persons are inoculated," he explained.

As per the data released by the District Administration, on May 12, over 5,426 persons have been vaccinated in all taluks and Mysuru city and also private hospital (Apollo BGS Hospitals). From May 1 till May 12, 89,598 have been vaccinated. The Mysuru city per se has provided jabs for 33,936 persons.

Bengalureans flock to smaller cities like Mysuru to get jabs

They are legally allowed to book slots anywhere in Karnataka: Experts

Mysuru, May 13 (BCT)- In what can be termed as 'vaccine migration,' many people, especially tech-savvy youths, from Bengaluru are booking vaccine slots on CoWin App in neighbouring districts of Mysuru, Mandya and Ramanagara where there are Taluk Hospitals and have slots open.

This has, however, resulted in dearth of precious vaccine for the local residents. Armed with high-end mobile phones and laptops, Bengalureans are booking slots in the hinterland in an attempt to get the jabs as fast as possible as slots are not available in the heart of the State Capital.

Once the slot is booked they travel to smaller cities on relatively free roads — thanks to lockdown — and when the Police stop their vehicles, they display their mobile phones that have the slot booked message from the CoWIN App.

Bengaluru that is under the tightening grip of the raging pandemic is facing a severe shortage of vaccine supplies and there are just five inoculation centres with a maximum of 150 jabs a day. This has forced many citizens to move to rural areas in search of vaccines. And there is a provision for them to do so too as they are legally allowed to book slots anywhere in Karnataka, said experts.

However, the local residents said that this would lead to an uneven distribution of vaccine. "The movement of people from the State Capital to Mysuru will definitely slow down the vaccination process here and will adversely impact local residents who are not familiar with the rigmarole involved in online registration for a vaccine slot," Vidyut Shashidhar, a resident of city and *Star of Mysore* reader told this correspondent.

Most of the people in Bengaluru have thorough knowledge of the online world and can easily book slots. This will surely affect the process, he added. Many youngsters are posting questions to the Police on Twitter, seeking information if it was safe to travel to other districts to get the vaccine.

In fact, there are many Twitter handles and Telegram app groups that provide regular information on availability of slots in and around Bengaluru to tech-savvy citizens and these are widely circulated in social media. There are also many portals that enable tech-savvy to track the vaccine availability. Alerts are sent directly to the mobile phones so that slots can be booked as soon as they are open.

"The situation may not affect local residents now as there is limited supply. But it will surely affect when large stocks arrive in rural areas. In urban centres, vaccine slots can be exhausted within moments and naturally people will rush to smaller cities as now vaccination is the only way to escape from the clutches of the killer virus, said 19-year-old Surabhi Mahesh who failed to get a slot online. She is now trying her luck in booking slots at private hospital.

MLA distributes medicines for COVID patients

Mysuru, May 13 (RKB&SSV)- The District Administration has opened 11 COVID Mitra Centres in Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency in the wake of spurt in Corona positive cases.

These Centres will function from 10 am to 6 pm daily.

MLA G.T. Devegowda, who distributed medicine kits yesterday, discussed COVID situation with Tahsildhar K.R. Rakshith, Taluk Health Officer and Taluk Panchayat Officer and said he came to know about the scarcity of medicines and so handed over the medicines to Taluk authorities.

The MLA told them to take up sanitisation in each village on behalf of Gram Panchayat. The Tahsildhar must bring to his notice about the scarcity of medicines in COVID Mitras without fail and to create awareness among people about the pandemic.

The purpose of COVID Mitras was to provide treatment for symptomatic and asymptomatic patients in the wake of non-accurate result in COVID test. Many who have been tested negative have died at home for not taking proper treatment. The people in case of any doubt about their health or symptoms must consult doctors available in COVID Mitras who will advise line of treatment, he said.

Doctors will decide whether patient requires home isolation or hospitalisation. Officers must send people with COVID symptoms to nearby Centre in case they come across any, the MLA said.

21 more COVID Mitras soon

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'Red Zone' is where COVID patients or the symptomatic go for consultations, RT-PCR tests and other related activities. Officials said that after inspection, the facilities would be set up to enable PHCs to become 'COVID Mitras'.

Already, 'COVID Mitra' whose aim is to identify COVID-19 positive patients in early stages and saving their lives, has saved the lives health of hundreds of patients — on an average of 30 to 35 patients are screened daily. They also provide Telecare facility. COVID-infected patients will come first to 'COVID Mitra' where doctors will examine them and advise them whether to be in home isolation or to get admitted to COVID Care Centres or hospitals depending on the severity of infections.

The DC said till yesterday as many as 75 infected patients had been triaged at 'COVID Mitra' centres. Out of which 24 were advised for hospitalisation and the rest for home quarantine. All home-isolated patients are given medical kit free of cost. Similarly, patients in rural areas are also being counselled and given suitable treatment.

The DC also visited several 'COVID Mitra' centres studied utilities, especially in rural areas. She was impressed to see the response for these facilities in both urban and rural areas. She visited Hanchya PHC, and PHCs in Siddharthanagar and Chamundipuram where 'COVID Mitra' centres have been functioning. At Hanchya PHC, the DC distributed medicine kits to patients. Similar kits would be given to those beneficiaries at all the 'COVID Mitra' centres, she said.

Mysuru Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith, Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer M.S. Ramesh, Taluk Health Officer Dr. Mahadevaprasad, Dr. Ravindra, Dr. T.R. Naveen and others were present.

State to suspend vaccination for 18 to 44 age groups from tomorrow

Bengaluru, May 13 (UNI & Agencies)-The Karnataka Government has announced that it would temporarily suspend anti-COVID vaccination for people aged 18 to 44 from tomorrow (May 14).

"This order will be applicable for COVID vaccination at all Government COVID vaccination centres in the State," a note issued by the Department of Health and Family Welfare yesterday read. This includes beneficiaries who have already obtained an appointment as well.

It added that the State Government had decided to use the available stock of vaccines to inoculate persons aged 45 and above, waiting for their second dose. "The State Government has decided that the vaccine procured directly by the State for vaccination of persons between 18 - 44 years will be utilised for vaccination of beneficiaries who are due for the second dose. Therefore, all vaccines available with the State Government (supplied by Government of India and procured directly by the State) will be utilised for vaccination of beneficiaries due for the second dose," the note mentioned.

It may be recalled here that Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar had on April 30 appealed to people to refrain from visiting vaccination centres from May 1, hinting that the State had no stocks, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa symbolically flagged off the fourth phase of vaccination for the 18-44 age group on May 1.

Subsequently, Dr. Sudhakar announced on May 9 that the drive would begin in all Government centres from May 10. The demand for vaccination has been high in this age group with 74,105 beneficiaries taking the jab in the last three days.

As per data shared by the Karnataka Health Department, a total of 1.08 crore doses of vaccine has been administered in the State so far, since Jan 16. Of these, over 85.88 lakh were first doses while 22.93 were second doses administered across age and priority groups so far. There are about 3.26 crore people in the State in 18-44 groups with a requirement of 6.52 crore doses of the vaccine for complete inoculation.

Three festivals tomorrow

Ramzan, Akshaya Trithiya, Basava Jayanthi

Mysuru, May 13 (RK&SSV)- Three festivals, Ramzan, Akshaya Trithiya and Basava Jayanthi are falling on the same day tomorrow. But in view of total lockdown, these festivals are restricted to homes with ban on movement of people and crowded gatherings. The Muslim brethren celebrate Ramzan festival by holding mass prayers and exchanging greetings with family and friends.

Taj Mohammed Khan, Hon. Secretary, Farooquia Educational Institutions, told *Star of Mysore* that in view of COVID crisis and complete lockdown, it has been decided to celebrate festival within homes. Prayers will also be held at homes that too with social distancing and wearing mask. There will be no mass prayer at any mosque in city. In this current extraordinary situation, they have decided to celebrate festival in a simple manner.

All shops closed: Over 1,000 jewellery shops in district, including 750 in city, will remain closed tomorrow due to lockdown. Though thousands of people throng the shops to buy jewellery on the occasion of *Akshaya Trithiya,* this time, no shop will be open, said C.S.Amarnath, President, Shroff Traders Association.

He said the Association has decided to shut their business tomorrow following total lockdown. "We are praying for *'Akshaya'* of people's health as COVID virus has snuffed out several lives in second wave," he said.

Meanwhile, K.V. Mallesh, a Janata Dal (Secular) leader, said this time, Basava Jayanthi will be restricted to just garlanding the statue of Basavanna near Gun House Circle. There will be no celebration either by the District Administration or by private organisations tomorrow, he added.

One lakh vaccines reserved for second dose: Dy.CM

Dr. Ashwathnarayan

Bengaluru, May 13 (SSV) - One lakh vaccines are being kept reserved daily for administering second dose. Online registration for second dose will be introduced to avoid queuing up near the vaccine centres, said Deputy Chief Minister and State COVID Ministerial Task Force Chairman Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

Replying to a query after the launch of O2forIndia initiative, he said administering second dose for those above 45 years of age is done on priority basis. About 70 percent of the vaccines are being utilised for administering second dose. The Technical Committee has been requested to consider about extending the duration of administering the second dose.

Care for those who are in home isolation for COVID infection will be given priority and there is enough stock of 5 lakh home isolation kits and there is no shortage for RT-PCR kits and RAT kits, he replied to a question.

To reduce delay in giving results, priority will be given for the testing of symptomatic cases and primary contacts. Tests for asymptomatic patients will be discouraged and triaging will be augmented, he said.

Groceries distributed to Tribals in H.D. Kote

Saanvi Technologies, Michigan, USA, run by Mysurean Yashaswi Shankar, with the help of Wildlife Warden Krithika Alanahalli, distributed groceries to over 200 tribal families in H.D. Kote area recently.

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service	
06518	Mangaluru	KSR Bengaluru	05.50	08.40	Fri, Sun & Tue	Fully reserved
07326	Mysuru	Belagavi	05.50	08.40	Daily	Unreserved
06558	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.20	09.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
02975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.40	12.55	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
02578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.40	13.20	Friday	Fully reserved
06201	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
06315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	16.35	Daily	Fully reserved
07307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.30	16.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.45	17.00	Daily	Unreserved
02786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06535	Mysuru	Solapur	15.45	18.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.30	18.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	21.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06210	Mysuru	Ajmer	18.35	21.30	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
06582	Mysuru	Hubballi	19.00	21.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.30	22.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily	Fully reserved
08118	Mysuru	Howrah	23.45	02.05	Sunday	Fully reserved

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08117	Howrah	Mysuru	00.30	03.15	Sunday	Fully reserved
06209	Ajmer	Mysuru	03.30	06.00	Tue & Sun	Fully reserved
06021	Chennai	Mysuru	03.55	06.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06228	Talguppa	Mysuru	04.30	07.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	05.55	08.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06581	Hubballi	Mysuru	06.20	09.20	Daily	Fully reserved
02785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.45	09.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	07.00	09.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06536	Solapur	Mysuru	07.50	11.00	Daily	Fully reserved
06316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.45	11.20	Daily	Fully reserved
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.20	12.45	Daily	Unreserved
07308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	11.15	13.50	Daily	Fully reserved
02976	Jaipur	Mysuru	13.00	15.45	Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
06202	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
07325	Belagavi	Mysuru	17.45	20.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
02577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	18.40	21.40	Thursday	Fully reserved
06557	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	22.10	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06517	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	20.30	23.05	Wed, Fri & Sun	Fully reserved
06230	Varanasi	Mysuru	23.30	02.15	Mon & Sat	Fully reserved

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Train No.	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	05.00	09.25	Daily	Unreserved
06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	18.20	22.25	Daily	Unreserved
01036	Mysuru	Dadar	06.15	05.30 (next day)	Sunday	Fully Reserved
01035	Dadar	Mysuru	21.30	21.40 (next day)	Thursday	Fully Reserved
06225	Mysuru	Arsikere	10.15	13.20	Daily	Unreserved
06226	Arsikere	Mysuru	13.25	16.50	Daily	Unreserved
07301	Mysuru	Dharwad	22.30	08.05	Daily	Fully Reserved
07302	Dharwad	Mysuru	20.50	07.05	Daily	Fully Reserved

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Cancellation and partial cancellation of trains

Mysuru, May 13- The following trains have been cancelled or partially cancelled until further advice by South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, due to poor occupancy:

CANCELLATION

1. Train No.06504 / 06503 (Pre-COVID running of Chamundi Express timing) Mysuru - KSR Bengaluru - Mysuru Express Special cancelled from both sides with effect from 6.5.2021.

2. Train No. 06219/06220 Chamarajanagar - Tirupati - Chamarajanagar Festival Express Special (Pre-COVID running of Tirupati Express timing) cancelled from Chamarajanagar from 6.5.2021 and from Tirupati from 7.5.2021.

3. Train No. 06295/06296 Mysuru - Talguppa - Mysuru Intercity Special Express will be cancelled from both sides with effect from 6.5.2021.

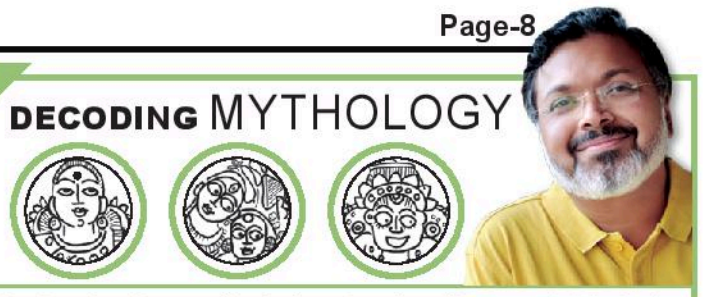
4. Train No. 06233/06234 Mysuru - Chamarajanagar - Mysuru Passenger Daily cancelled from Mysuru from 6.5.2021 and from Chamarajanagar from 8.5.2021 — all until further advice.

PARTIAL CANCELLATION

1. Train No. 06225 Mysuru - Talguppa Unreserved Daily Express Special partially cancelled between Arsikere - Talguppa with effect from Mysuru from 6.5.2021. Accordingly the train will terminate at Arsikere instead of Talguppa.

2. Train No. 06226 Talguppa - Mysuru Unreserved Daily Express Special partially cancelled between Talguppa - Arsikere from Talguppa from 7.5.2021. Accordingly the train will originate from Arsikere instead of Talguppa.

DECODING MYTHOLOGY



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How Brahma Lost His Position

In Vedic times, 3,000 years ago, Brahma referred to 'brahman', the impersonal divine energy linked to consciousness, spirit and meaning. Gradually, in Puranic times, 2,000 years ago, the idea of a God named Brahma emerged. This God created all life and established codes of civilised conduct, and dharma. This shift can be seen as the result of two factors: the rise of monastic orders like Buddhism and Jainism, and the increasing participation of common folk who had little patience with complex rituals and abstract ideas.

In Vedic ritual manuals, Brahma was called Prajapati, God of progeny, who creates all living creatures in order to overcome his loneliness and to satisfy his hunger as per Brihadaranyaka Upanishad. In Mahabharata, Brahma tells Indra to perform rituals to remove the pollution resulting from his killing Vritra (a brahmin) and Namuchi (a friend). In Brahmanas, he takes the form of a boar called Emusha to raise the earth, and he takes the form of the fish who teaches Manu that dharma is about protecting the weak. These roles as boar and fish, that rescues the earth and establishes humanity, are eventually taken over by Vishnu's avatars. In Ramayana, Brahma encourages Valmiki to tell the story of Ram. In Mahabharata, he encourages Vyasa to tell the story of the Pandavas.

In the Puranas, he is no longer self-born (swayambhu); he is born from a lotus that emerges from Vishnu's navel. He is not all-knowing; he is inspired to create women by seeing Shiva's half-female form. He is linked to passion (kama) and death (yama), and, so in opposition to Shiva who is the destroyer of passion (kamantaka) and death (yamantaka). Further, Brahma gives demons boons that create trouble in the three worlds; he rectifies the damage by seeking intervention of Vishnu, Shiva and Devi.

As per Jain scriptures such as Kalpasutra and Adipuran, culture is established not by Brahma, but by the first Trithankara (of this kalpa), Adinath Rishabha, who was identified with Brahma's Vedic titles such as Prajpati and even Hiranayagarbha. While Brahma was called Hiranyagarbha or golden germ, that produces all life, Rishabha was called Hiranyagarbha as his birth was accompanied by a shower of gold. Rishabha teaches the world the 72 masculine crafts, the 64 feminine crafts, and divided the world into three categories of vocations: kshatriyas who govern, vaishyas who produce and trade goods, and shudras who provide service. His daughter Brahmi spread the art of writing, while his other daughter Sundari taught the art of counting and calculating. Buddhism turned Brahma into a minor, even confused, God who venerates Buddha. As per Brahmajala Sutta, those who followed Buddhist path, could be reborn as Brahma Gods in special realms, above earth and above the paradise of Gods known as Brahma-loka. Here they would have long lifespans, and no suffering, as they moved towards the highest goal of nirvana.

In Buddhist art, Brahma is seen as requesting Buddha to teach his lore to the masses.

Brahma is shown adoring Buddha, serving him, attending to his needs, even guarding him. There is one story of a higher God who falls from a higher heaven after exhausting his merits into the lower Brahma heaven. He assumes he is the first being and deludes himself to be the creator of later beings — the Creator-God Brahma.

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Former IPS officer K.V.R. Tagore passes away

Bengaluru, May.13- Former IPS Officer K.V. Ravindranath Tagore (K.V.R. Tagore) passed away at a private Hospital in Bengaluru on Wednesday following brief illness. He was 72.

He leaves behind his wife, a son and a daughter. Last rites were performed yesterday evening on the outskirts of Bengaluru, according to family sources.

A native of Sringeri in Chikkamagalur district, he was the son of the first Sringeri MLA Late K.N. Veerappa Gowda.

Tagore was a resident of Jayanagar in Bengaluru. After earning his Master's degree in

K.V. Ravindranath Tagore

Indian Philosophy, he passed LLB in 1972 and joined the Police force as a Dy.SP in 1974. Later, he served in Bengaluru Crime Branch, Traffic Wing and various other Police wings, before retiring as an ADGP (Additional Director General of Police) in 2009.

He had also served as Director and Commissioner of Information Department and also as Commissioner of the Department of Youth Services and Sports. While serving in the Information Department, he headed the publicity campaign of Bahubali Mahamastakabhisheka at Shravanabelagola in 2006.Tagore launched the E-Mail news service of the Information Department at Mysuru on Sept.1, 2007 when he was the Department Commissioner.

Currently, he was serving as the President of Puravankara Suchitra Cine and Cultural Trust at Bengaluru.

Sale of Remdesivir injection in black market

CCB Police arrest five accused, recover injection vials

Mysuru, May 13 (KS)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police, who busted two rackets pertaining to sale of Remdesivir injections in black market, have arrested five persons.

The arrested are 27-year-old G. Suresh, a staff nurse at a private hospital in J.P. Nagar here, 27-year-old D.M. Raghavendra and Ashok, both staff nurses at city's Government Hospital, 20-year-old K. Rajesh and 20-year-old D.V. Mallesh, both staff nurses at a private hospital in Vishweshwaranagar. The Cops have recovered a total of four 20 ml Remdesivir injection vials besides seizing Rs. 7,000 from them.

On May 12, the CCB Police, who conducted an operation, took Suresh, Raghavendra and Ashok into custody on Shankar Mutt Road and during interrogation, the Police came to know that accused Suresh, instead of administering Remdesivir injection given by the hospital to the patients had not given the same and with the help of Raghavendra and Ashok, the three were trying to sell the injection vials for higher rate in black market. A case has been registered at K.R. Police Station.

In the second operation, the Police took Rajesh and Mallesh into custody at Gandhinagar in N.R. Police limits and on questioning them, the Cops came to know that the duo had brought six Rendesivir injection vials given by the hospital to administer it to the patients to sell in black market for higher price. A case has been registered against the two accused at N.R. Police Station.

DCPs Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda (Law and Order) and M.S. Geetha Prasanna (Crime and Traffic) and CCB ACP C.K. Ashwathnarayan guided CCB Inspectors R. Jagadish and G. Shekar and staff in the nabbing and seizing operation.

This poor family needs help: Villagers

Hampapura, May 13- Hommaragalli villagers of HD Kote taluk have urged the Government to come to rescue of a poor fishing family in the village.

"For their livelihood, this family catch fishes under the bridge located near our village. They also intermittently work as labourers. The pandemic this year has devastated their lives. They are struggling to have even one meal per day. We are doing as much as we can by providing food every day. We would like the Government to do something for their livelihood and provide necessary aid for their survival," villagers have demanded.

Dowry Death: Accused commits suicide at temporary jail

Mysuru, May 13 (RK&KS)- A man, accused in a dowry death case, has committed suicide by hanging self at the temporary jail at Kailaspuram here in the wee hours of today.

The deceased is Pradeep, a resident of SBM Colony in Srirampura 2nd Stage in city.

Pradeep, along with his mother Saroja and father Chaluvanayaka were accused of harassing Asharani (Pradeep's wife) for dowry, which had resulted in Asharani, unable to bear the harassment by her husband and in-laws, committing suicide on May 7 night at her husband's house. Pradeep had married Asharani on Apr. 4, 2021. Based on the complaint from Asharani's father Nagaraja Nayaka, Kuvempunagar Police had registered a case against the three accused under Dowry Prohibition Act and Pradeep was sent to judicial custody.

He was lodged in the temporary jail at Kailaspuram, where he committed suicide. Mandi Police have registered a case.

Obituary

P. Suresh

Mysuru, May 13- P. Suresh (45), Executive Officer of 'Namma Sangha' organisation at Bandipur, passed away today at a private hospital in city, following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Melukamanahalli.

Suresh has served 'Namma Sangha,' established by wildlife photographers and documentary makers Krupakar-Senani in Bandipur for 17 years and was instrumental in providing education to tribal children and LPG connections to more than 40,000 families in 200 villagers bordering forests.

Udiyanda Vijay

Udiyanda Vijay (55), son of late U.A. Subramani and a resident of Devaiahnahundi, Srirampura 2nd Stage, passed away in the wee hours of today in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

His mother Udiyanda Godavari Subramani had predeceased him on May 11. Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage today.

Syed Imdad

Syed Imdad (76), retired KPTCL Assistant Executive Engineer and a resident of Rajivnagar, passed away yesterday (May 12) at a private hospital in city, following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle yesterday.

Addengada I. Chinnappa

Addengada I. Chinnappa (Sunny), retired Assistant Director at Agriculture Department and a resident of Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, passed away yesterday in city. He was 75.

He leaves behind one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam yesterday.

K.J. George

K.J. George (65), retired trainer at St. Philomena's ITI College and a resident of Bilikere village in the taluk, passed away yesterday at the village.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral was held at Holy Family Cemetery at Belavadi.

Rajesh Rajagopal

Rajesh Rajagopal (50), son of late Dr. V.L. Rajagopal Rao (former RMO at BM Hospital) and Shantha Rajagopal, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city.

He leaves behind two sisters, brothers-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Yatish

Yatish (28), a newspaper distributor at V.V. Mohalla Centre and a resident of Vontikoppal, passed away yesterday evening in city.

He leaves behind his parents, sisters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage.

Alamelu

Alamelu (72), wife of late Y.S. Ranganath and a resident of Siddarthanagar, passed away in city.

She leaves behind sons Giri, Madhusudan and Deepak and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed in city.

Vid. Nagaraju

Nanjangud : Vidwan Nagaraju (75), a violin exponent and a resident of Nandigundapura village in the taluk, passed away yesterday at the village.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the village, according to family sources.

S.R. Vijayakumar

S.R. Vijayakumar (68), retired District Treasury Officer and a resident of Chamarajapuram, passed away on Sunday night at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Jayanagar Crematorium on Monday.

WORD OF THE DAY

Pandiculation

Pronunciation: pan-dik-yuh-ley-shuhn.
Meaning: The act of stretching oneself, especially on waking.
Origin: Pandiculation, "stretching" (as when waking up)," comes via French pandiculation from the Latin verb pandiculārī "to stretch, grimace." Pandiculārī is a derivative of pandere "to spread out, extend." In Latin pandiculārī occurs only twice: the first time in a play by the Roman comic playwright Plautus (d. 184 b.c.), and the second time in the Epitoma Festi by the Benedictine monk Paulus Diaconus (Paul the deacon), who died about a.d. 799. Pandiculation entered English in the early 17th century.
Example: There is a shared animal and human behaviour of "having a stretch" and yawning called pandiculation. It is often a combination of elongating, shortening and stiffening of muscles throughout the body. — Eyal Lederman, Therapeutic Stretching: Towards A Functional Approach, 2014.

THE ODD WORD

Pachynsis

Thickening.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Photo finish

Meaning: The phrase photo finish describes an evenly matched competition where the winner is not known until the final moments.
Origin: It looks like the expression 'photo finish' originated from horse races. How so? Because in horse races, certain types of cameras were used to take photos at the finish line. The reason for their use was because in close races, it was sometimes difficult for the judges to declare the winner. To the naked eye, it might look like two or more racers crossed the finish line at the same time! So these cameras were set up to snap a photo at the end of a race to help figure out who won. These cameras were called 'photo-finish cameras,' a fitting name considering they, you know, took a photo at the finish line. Anyway, from what I've read, they began being implemented in the late 1930s. It wasn't long after the implementation of these cameras that the phrase started to be used outside the context of horse racing events. For example, in The Canberra Times newspaper, 1940, it reads: "'The Daily News' in a survey predicts that Mr. Roosevelt will probably win the very important New York State with a small majority, with a virtual 'photo' finish."

QUOTE BOX

The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.—**Walt Disney**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Shop till you drop.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Hard timber
5 Lamb's cry?
8 S. American country
12 Very self-important
14 Extinct ox
15 Undecided (2,3,3)
16 Breathing sound
17 Sick
18 Ejected or expelled
20 ___ ale : water for drinking?
23 Unbleached linen
24 Flat-topped hill
25 Neptune's fork
28 Outside Air Temperature
29 African tongue
30 Internet Relay Chat, acronym?
32 Disregard orders
34 Aspersion
35 In addition to
36 Navy
37 Mr Jackson of Hollywood
40 Agri. Resch. Inst.
41 Gelatinous carbohydrate obtained from seaweed
42 Symbolic tale
47 Royalist's rival
48 ___ ___ pay : pay given after deduction of taxes, dues, etc. ? (4,4)
49 Equivalent or identical
50 Girl's name
51 In this way

DOWN
1 ____ chi: Chinese exercises
2 Sea-eagle variant
3 Work of a painter or a sculptor
4 Capital of Nagaland
5 A false biblical god
6 Black bird - "in a" change?
7 Barbarous or cruel act
8 Go after
9 "E" in Q.E.D. ?
10 Dominion
11 Second-hand
13 Hardens or sets
19 Asian language
20 Introduction to Latin
21 Lifeless
22 An Italian wine
23 Sea-eagles
25 Arrange in columnar format or form?
26 African river
27 Faithful
29 Machete - "obol" change?
31 Pre-LCD TV technology
33 Plant with acrid milky juice
34 Lacking substance
36 Not confined
37 Wood cutting tools
38 Bollywood's old time comedian
39 Wound and cripple
40 Playback singer Yagnik
43 Local Area Network, abbr.
44 Cry of delight
45 Radio Mgmnt. Unit
46 An affirmative reply

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

G	U	I	T	A	R	■	D	W	E	L	L	S
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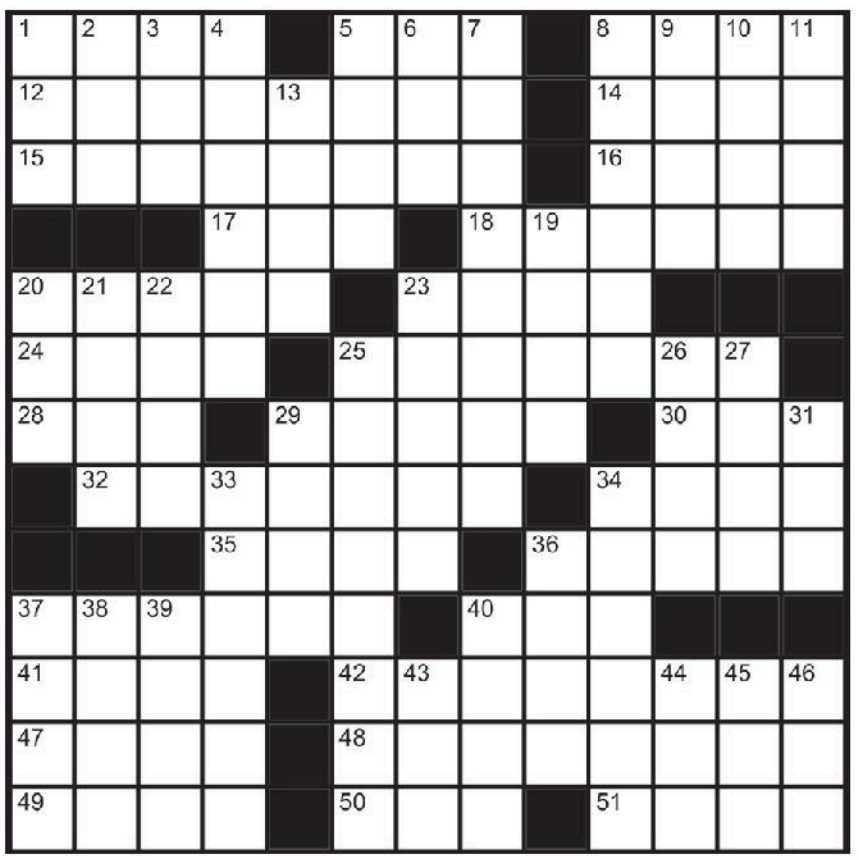

SUDOKO

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		5	9		8	4		
3	7						5	1
8		1				2		4
5	2						7	8
		7	6		2	3		
2	8			3			1	6

Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	7	6	9	3	5	4	2
3	5	9	2	4	8	1	6	7
4	6	2	1	7	5	9	3	8
1	4	8	7	2	6	3	9	5
9	2	5	3	8	1	6	7	4
7	3	6	9	5	4	2	8	1
6	7	1	4	3	2	8	5	9
2	8	4	5	6	9	7	1	3
5	9	3	8	1	7	4	2	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

B SBG OEH JEWGUD ER EBD B EWVERY

AQYAHDR ZBG XH JRYYWIKR JEWGVD, RMRG

JH JEHDR ER AYHCRDDRD JH KHMR.

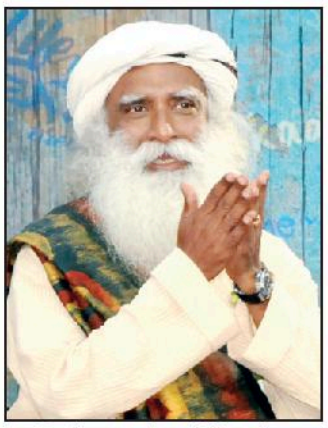
TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The secret of being boring is to say everything.

POSITIVITY UNLIMITED

The lecture series titled **#PositivityUnlimited** *organised by COVID Response Team (CRT), Delhi, began on May 11 with the address of ISHA Yoga Centre Founder Sadguru Jaggi Vasudev. Initially, Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh (retd.) spoke on the initiative of CRT and said that the lecture series aims to derive positivity and the ways to remain positive through the thoughts and ideas of renowned personalities.*

'We have to work together as one and not point fingers'



Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev

Founder of ISHA Yoga Centre Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev urged people to come together as one and work in order to defeat the pandemic. He said that we must also be ready to make changes to our lifestyles and take all measures to ensure that we are not infected. Following are the excerpts from his address:

The numbers are more of a guidance; it is time to shift to a place where more people have to be educated on how to handle COVID. Testing alone cannot contain COVID. We have to boost immunity and learn ways to handle it.

Panic, frustration, fear, anger will not hep us. It is not a time to grandstand against each other. We need to stand together as one, not just country but the whole world. It is the time to understand and help each other as it is a generational challenge. Rather than pointing fingers we must work together.

On how to deal with anger, he said that it is a war-like situation. Now COVID is a invisible enemy but we must not end up bashing up each other. Irrespective of what we believe in we must pool our resources and handle the situation. India does not have the necessary infrastructure to manage all 1.4 billion people in terms of medical infrastructure.

When you are angry, in these conditions your immune system goes down and you become vulnerable. Do you want to be a problem or be a part of the solution? We have to ensure that we have to stay healthy and stay alive. More and more people should be healthy and that is the only solution.

This is not a simple situation. Those who are healthy have to behave responsibly and respond in an intelligent manner and not just react. This is the time to show the kind of generation we are.

We are accustomed to a lifestyle and are not ready to change it. We must change our lifestyle at this juncture to stay alive. By pointing fingers, we only become part of the problem and not a part of solution.

Each of us must communicate what is best to avoid getting infected. We have to adhere to a practice mandated by the doctors. We are understaffed and we need more nurses and staff than doctors. Isha volunteers are supporting the medical staff.

We have to take steps like drinking 'kudineer' (herbal concoction) to boost immunity and ensure that we don't end up in hospital. Whatever the extent of work we are doing we must ensure that we do not come it touch with people.

When the battle starts, we should not start practicing arms. The battle has already started in terms of COVID. We must invest at least 30 minutes daily for our own health. Meditation, Isha Kriya are some of the things we can do.

During war, we do not think of lifestyle but of staying alive. Do not think on lifestyle but think of life. We must think about livelihoods, providing food and not only Government but all of us and organisations should join together. We must be ready to change our lifestyle. We must be committed not to our lifestyle but to lives around us. We should be committed to keep people alive.

Regarding mental balance, WHO has said a mental pandemic is coming. Many people are committing suicides. We need not look at western psychiatry as we have umpteen examples of keeping mind and body fit in Indian tradition. Inner well-being is of paramount importance and Indians should take the lead in this.

We must demonstrate that we will come out successfully, stronger and better as humanity. This is the time to demonstrate the kind of human beings we are.

Agrawal Samaj distributes Medicine Kits for COVID-19 patients

Mysuru, May 13- Agrawal Samaj, Mysuru, started 'Agrawal Hands' for the needy a few years ago and has been responding to their needs. In the present COVID crisis, they first responded to the need for firewood at graveyards for timely cremation and are now supplying the wood regularly.

Responding to the medicine requirement at different COVID Centres and District Hospitals, they decided to contribute the required medicine also.

The Samaj plans to help and provide at least 2,500 kits costing Rs. 8 lakh. Yesterday, they handed over 1,000 medicine kits to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and 500 kits to the District Hospital.

Samaj President Dr. S.K. Mittal along with R. Praveen Goel, Arun Bagaria, Sun Jaluka, Shobhit Kedia and Keshav Mittal presented the kits costing Rs. 5 lakh yesterday to MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag and other officials.

Congress leader donates Oxygen Concentrator and BiPAP machines

Mysuru, May 13 (YDS&DM)- Contributing his mite for mitigating COVID crisis, Congress leader K. Harish Gowda donated Oxygen Concentrator and BiPAP machines to Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri at her office on Tuesday.

Later speaking to press persons Harish Gowda said that he has donated an Oxygen Concentrator, 4 Oxygen BiPAPs and 1,000 face masks to the DC, after deciding that he should give something in return to the society which has given him a lot. He further said that he will donate five more BiPAPs, five Oxygen Concentrators and Oxygen cylinders in a couple of days.

District Surgeon Dr. Rajeshwari bemoaned that most of the patients were visiting Hospitals when their health condition turns critical. Pointing out that Oxygen Concentrators will help patients with low Oxygen saturation level to boost Oxygen levels, she said that BiPAP machines will help patients who are in critical condition in ICUs. Noting that at present there are 23 Oxygen Concentrators in the District Hospital, she said that the Hospital needs 15 more and donors should come forward for donating the same.

District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar and other leaders were present.

'World will not win battle against COVID without nurses'

According to Indian Nursing Council, of the 20 lakh registered nurses in India, 18 lakh are from Kerala

Kochi, May 13 (UNI) - The COVID-19 pandemic has not just rattled lives of millions but has put Indian healthcare machinery under tremendous pressure.

From doctors to nurses to support staff, thousands of healthcare professionals have fallen to this deadly virus which continues to wreak havoc.

"Throughout history, nurses have played crucial frontline roles in the fight against epidemics and pandemics. They play a critical role in fight against COVID-19, pulling long shifts and putting themselves at risk of infections to care for patients," Dr. Naresh Purohit, Executive Member of the Federation of Hospital Administrators, said on Wednesday.

"The fact is that the world will not win the battle against COVID-19 without nurses," he felt.

Speaking at a webinar organised by Sree Narayana Institute of Medical Sciences, Ernakulam, on the occasion of International Nurses Day yesterday, Dr. Purohit informed that Kerala has the maximum number of registered nurses in India, and they can be found all over the world.

According to Indian Nursing Council, of the 20 lakh registered nurses in India, 18 lakh are from Kerala. A recent WHO report said, nurses trained in India form a significant portion of internationally educated nurses working overseas, second to nurses trained in Philippines.

It is estimated that over 30 percent of nurses who studied in Kerala work in the UK or the US, with 15 percent in Australia and 12 percent in the Middle East. A significant number work in other parts of India, with Delhi, Bengaluru and Mumbai being among their favoured cities.

Follow syndromic approach to admit COVID patients

Bengaluru, May 13 (BCT)- Facing a flood of COVID-19 false negative test reports, the Karnataka Government has issued circular directing hospitals to adopt a syndromic approach to admit COVID-19 patients.

Syndromic management involves clinical decision making based on a patient's symptoms and signs being manifested. Medical experts here along with their pathology counterparts use an algorithm designed flow-chart to make decisions about the disease management.

"Syndromic approach should be complied with strictly for hospital admission and treatment of cases, to prevent further damage in the larger interest of public health," Jawaid Akthar, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, said in the circular. The order comes at a time when a large number of false negative COVID-19 test reports have resulted in denial of admission in hospitals.

After the recent surge of cases in the second wave, several instances have been reported where the lab test for COVID-19 is found negative even while the patient has COVID symptoms or CT scan has detected infection, the circular added.

"Considering the increasing number of false negative reports being witnessed in both RT-PCR and RAT tests, it has been decided to follow a Syndromic Approach and issue Patient Numbers for hospitalisation and treatment of such cases based on the authorisation of doctors," Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar said in a statement.

This according will allow treating the cases bringing into consideration the symptoms manifested. Such a protocol would prevent further damage in the interest of public health.

"This will help COVID-19 infected persons to get timely admission and treatment, especially those who seek treatment in Government Hospitals and Private Hospitals through SAST reference," Sudhakar added.

Since the rules mandate that infected persons should have patient number issued by district authorities or City Corporations to get admission in a hospital, several patients whose report is negative have been facing the issues to be hospitalised, thereby deteriorating their condition.

SAST is the special purpose vehicle created by the State Government which now mandates that hospitals should mention SRF (Specimen Referral Form), BU (Bengaluru Urban) or district details number in the case sheets, lab reports and discharge summary.

SAST solution for free COVID treatment

Mysuru, May 13 (BCT)-Did you know that the Government takes care of the cost of treatment for COVID? This can be done only if the patient is registered under the **Suvarna Aarogya Suraksha Trust (SAST).** Officials said families are advised to alert the doctors in the initial days itself to convert cases to SAST.

For those who cannot afford costly hospital treatment, there is an option to get free treatment in Government quota. Under SAST, the Government takes care of the treatment.

The protocol is that once someone tests positive, they must call 104 and get an allocated bed under SAST using their BU code. If they tested positive after admission, then they have to inform the doctors and convert the bed under SAST in the initial days. Even if they get it changed, they will have to pay the bill initially, until the case is converted to SAST.

If a person tests positive, the family must get their BU code, call 104 to get a bed allocated under SAST. If a person tests positive after admission to hospital, the doctors must be informed ASAP and the bed can be converted to a SAST allocation, if the family can't afford the treatment.

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